# **3rd Sunday** IN ORDINARY TIME

**3 DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO** 

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." -Lk 4:18a

"El espíritu del señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva."

Lc 4,18



## PARISH HOURS AND INFORMATION

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil:

5:00pm Spanish (U.Ch), 7:00pm Portuguese (L.Ch) No reservation required.

#### Sunday:

7:00am Haitian (L.Ch), 8:45am Spanish (U.Ch), 10:45am Portuguese (U.Ch), 11:00am English (L.Ch), 12:45pm Spanish (U.Ch), 5:00pm Haitian (U.Ch)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday 7:30am English (U.Ch) No reservation required.

Tuesday & Friday 7:00pm Haitian (L.Ch) Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00pm Spanish (L.Ch) Thursday & Friday: 7:30pm Portuguese (U.Ch) Saturday (U.Ch) 8:00am Spanish (U.Ch)

U. Ch: Main Church L. Ch: Lower Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Upper Church.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Everyday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. After the 7:30 mass in the chapel of the Urban Center.

Parish Website: <u>www.stcharlesbridgeport.org</u> Email: <u>office@stcharlesbridgeport.org</u>

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## January 23, 2022

## PARISH HOURS AND INFORMATION

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday: 9:00 am -2:00 pm Tuesday—Thursday: 8:30am-4pm; Fri: 8:30pm-1pm

## CHURCH—OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday-Friday: 7:30am-7:30 pm

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

If someone is ill, homebound or hospitalized, please call Deacon. David Rivera (203) 572-3698 or Deacon. Fabio Tavares 347-307-6875

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

To receive the Sacrament of Anointing: please contact Fr. Ivan or Fr. Abelardo 203-333-2147



## **HORARIO DE OFICINA**

lunes: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm martes a jueves: 8:30 am-4pm; viernes de 8:30am-1pm

## HORARIO DE LA IGLESIA PARA ORACION PRIVADA

lunes a viernes de 7:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.

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Si alguien está enfermo, confinado en casa u hospitalizado, llame a Diácono. David Rivera (203) 572-3698 o al Diácono. Fabio Tavares 347-307-6875

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### Top Reasons to Register at a Parish

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Registered active members are sometimes eligible to rent parish facilities.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

## **Bridgeport**, CT

## TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

**Offertory Report** 

For the Week of

## January 10th. —January 16th. 2022

Online Giving		644.00			
Sunday Offertory Collection		10,583.66			
Sunday Sheriory Soliccion		10,000.00			
Weekly Offertory Collection and Others		229.53			
Total Parish Collection	\$	10,813.19			
Last Year's Total Parish Collection		\$ 9,145.37			
Your contributions, both monetary and in service, are					

ur contributions, both monetary and in service, are important to our parish. Thank you for your generosity!

### -Fr. Abelardo

## WEEKLY PRAYER

	FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022 Neh 82-44, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19(8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12:30 or
	12:12:14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturilay:	2.5m 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1x4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 (cf. 15ab)/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
OBSERVANO	ES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022
Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

sunday.	St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Monday:	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops.
Thursday:	St. Angela Merid, Virgin
Friday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

#### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When w lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Eara brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that connection and test index gatered in the test and the statement of all data basish taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth is what God speaks and however test for data base. The showed next, for all basis a loss and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ANUARY 28

#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Diverse of the most functions members of the Drinnickin Diverse. St. Thomas Aquiras (1225 – 1274) in well-known by many for his theological work, "The Sources Theological work," the Sources Theological work, "the Sources Theological and the most theorem and the source Benedictive and hold high hopes that he result workshold become ablos of Mainte Costino, where he spent much of his youth. To channes the uncestor, whe had his is identaged is the spirit mu-tostion, she had him kidnam-ers on his way to Paris at the ap in his ways in their captivity she years in their captivity she has been part of 19. He spent two years in their capitivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from excition to become a Domenican privat and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic His generates controlution to the Catholic Dhurch is this writings. The unity, hermony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompassies his entropy. The Summa Theologies has last and, unifortunitable, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians an students, St. Thomas Aquinas (ded in 1274, His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

## SUPPORTING THE PARISH **DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME**

Your offertory support at this time is CRITICAL. Your offertory gifts support parish staff, community outreach, various in-parish ministries, maintenance, and other components of parish life. It is critical to your parish's ongoing vitality. Please prayerfully embrace this opportunity to be an active pillar of our community by giving generously to the Saint Charles Operating Fund. You can use the donation tool on this webpage:

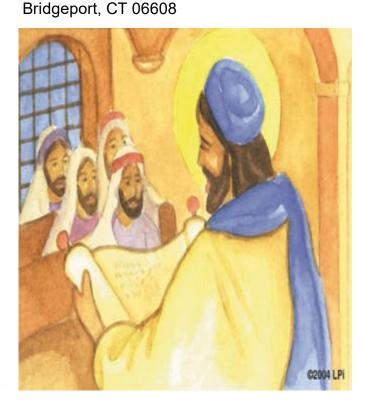
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Mass Intentions for this Week



Sunday, January 23

**11am:** R.I.P. Paul Vanh Kham Xayarath by family

Monday, January 24

**7:30 am:** R.I.P Paul Tinh Pandahan by family

Tuesday, January 25

**7:30 am:** R.I.P. Sommai Kamvong by family

Wednesday, January 26

**7:30 am:** R.I.P. Bounmy Kamvong by family

Thursday, January 27

**7:30 am:** R.I.P. Kam Kamvong by family

Friday, January 28

**7:30 am:** R.I.P. Paul Vanh Kham Xayarath by family

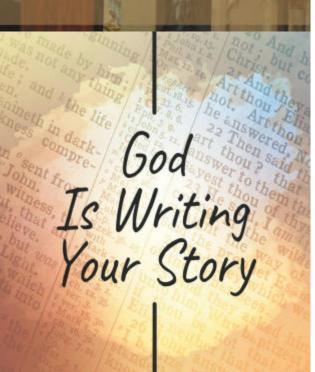
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Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Bridgeport, CT

> Our sanctuary Candle will Burn this week

## FOR:

January 23: Upper Church: The souls in the purgatory and the souls of the Olivares family. By Cristina Olivares.



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## Bridgeport, CT

## From the Pastor's Desk

#### Dear brothers and sisters,

Throughout the next few weeks, I will be inviting you to read and reflect on different letters and homilies from various saints. It is important as Catholics that our church know the life and thoughts of the Saints, since we are called to be saints. We will find in them a lot of wisdom and knowledge, but they will also be of great consolation to us.

Today I invite you to reflect on this paragraph from the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council (Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn. 7-8. 106)

In Christ, Father Abelardo Pastor

#### From the constitution on the sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council

(Sacrosanctum Concilium, nn. 7-8. 106)

#### Christ is present to his Church

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst. Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father. It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members. Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness. In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory. By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

## De la oficina del Párroco

#### Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

A través de las próximas semanas, los estare invitando a leer y reflexionar sobre diferentes, cartas y homilías de varios santos. Es importante como católicos que conozcamos nuestra iglesia la vida y los pensamientos de los Santos, ya que nosotros estamos llamados a ser santos. Encontraremos en ellos mucha sabiduría y conocimiento, pero también serán de mucha consolación para nosotros.

Hoy Los invito a reflexionar en este párrafo De la Constitución Sacrosanctum Concilium, sobre la sagrada liturgia, del Concilio Vaticano segundo (Núms, 7-8.106)

En Cristo, Padre Abelardo Pastor

De la Constitución Sacrosanctum Concilium, sobre la sagrada liturgia, del Concilio Vaticano segundo (Núms. 7-8.106)

#### CRISTO ESTÁ PRESENTE EN SU IGLESIA

Cristo está siempre presente en su Iglesia, sobre todo en la acción litúrgica. Está presente en el sacrificio de la misa, tanto en la persona del ministro, ofreciéndose ahora por ministerio de los sacerdotes el mismo que entonces se ofreció en la cruz, como, sobre todo, bajo las especies eucarísticas. Está presente con su fuerza en los sacramentos, de modo que, cuando alguien bautiza, es Cristo quien bautiza. Está presente en su palabra, pues, cuando se lee en la Iglesia la sagrada Escritura, es él quien habla. Está presente, por último, cuando la Iglesia suplica y canta salmos, pues él mismo prometió: Donde dos o tres estén reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos. En verdad, en esta obra tan grande, por la que Dios es perfectamente glorificado y los hombres santificados, Cristo asocia siempre consigo a su amadísima esposa, la Iglesia, que invoca a su Señor y por él tributa culto al Padre eterno. Con razón, pues, se considera a la liturgia como el ejercicio del sacerdocio de Jesucristo. En ella, los signos sensibles significan y realizan, cada uno a su manera, la santificación del hombre; y así el cuerpo místico de Jesucristo, es decir, la cabeza y sus miembros, ejerce el culto público íntegro. En consecuencia, toda celebración litúrgica, por ser obra de Cristo sacerdote y de su cuerpo, que es la Iglesia, es la acción sagrada por excelencia, cuya eficacia no es igualada, con el mismo título y en el mismo grado, por ninguna otra acción de la Iglesia. En la liturgia terrena participamos, pregustándola, de aquella liturgia celestial que se celebra en la ciudad santa de Jerusalén, hacia la cual nos dirigimos como peregrinos, y donde Cristo, ministro del santuario y de la tienda verdadera, está sentado a la derecha de Dios; con todos los coros celestiales, cantamos en la liturgia el himno de la gloria del Señor; veneramos la memoria de los santos, esperando ser admitidos en su asamblea; aguardamos un Salvador: el Señor Jesucristo, hasta que aparezca él, vida nuestra; entonces también nosotros apareceremos, juntamente con él, en gloria. La Iglesia, por una tradición apostólica que se remonta al mismo día de la resurrección de Cristo, celebra el misterio pascual cada ocho días, en el día que es llamado con razón día del Señor o Domingo. En este día, los fieles deben reunirse a fin de que, escuchando la palabra de Dios y participando en la eucaristía, celebren el memorial de la pasión, resurrección y gloria del Señor Jesús, y den gracias a Dios, que, por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos, nos ha hecho nacer de nuevo para una esperanza viva. Por esto, el Domingo es la fiesta primordial, que debe inculcarse a la piedad de los fieles, de modo que sea también día de alegría y de liberación del trabajo. No deben anteponérsele otras solemnidades, a no ser que sean realmente de suma importancia, puesto que el Domingo es el fundamento y el núcleo de todo el año litúrgico.

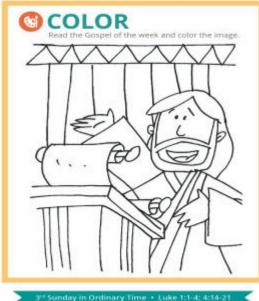
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## Saint Charles Kids Corner

DRAW

Draw a picture of Isalah, the prophet, writing about Jesus.







## GOSPEL

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.



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## MISSION

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Look up Isalah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

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## Saint Charles Borromeo

## Bridgeport, CT



FIRST READING Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

PSALM Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

## SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

## GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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## **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



## GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

## Catechesis on Saint Joseph - 6. Saint Joseph, Jesus' foster father

## Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will reflect on Saint Joseph as the father of Jesus. The evangelists Matthew and Luke present him as the foster father of Jesus, and not as his biological father. Matthew specifies this, avoiding the formula "the father of", used in the genealogy for all the ancestors of Jesus; instead, he defines Joseph as the "husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ" (1:16). Luke, on the other hand, affirms it by saying that he was Jesus' "supposed" father (3:23), that is, he appeared as His father, To understand the supposed or legal paternity of Joseph, it is necessary to bear in mind that in ancient times in the East the institution of adoption was very common, more so than today. Think of the common case in Israel of the "levirate", as formulated in Deuteronomy: "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married outside the family to a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his brother who is dead, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel" (25:5-6). In other words, the parent of this child is the brother-in-law, but the legal father remains the deceased, who gives the newborn child all hereditary rights. The purpose of this law was twofold: to ensure the descendants of the deceased and the preservation of the estate. As the official father of Jesus, Joseph exercises the right to impose a name on his son, legally recognising him. Legally he is the father, but not generatively; he did not beget Him. In ancient times, the name was the compendium of a person's identity. To change one's name meant changing oneself, as in the case of Abraham, whose name God changed to "Abraham", which means "father of many", "for", says the Book of Genesis, he will be "the father of a multitude of nations" (17:5). The same goes for Jacob, who would be called "Israel", which means he who has "striven with God", because he fought with God to compel Him to give him the blessing (cf. Gen 32:28; 35:10). But above all, naming someone or something meant asserting one's authority over what was named, as Adam did when he conferred a name on all the animals (cf. Gen 2:19-20). Joseph already knows that a name had already been prepared for Mary's son, by God Jesus' name is given to him by his true father, God The name "Jesus", which means "the Lord saves"; as the Angel explains, "He will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). This particular aspect of Joseph now enables us to reflect on fatherhood and motherhood. And this, I believe, is very important: to think about fatherhood today. Because we live in an age of notorious orphanhood. It is curious: our civilization is somewhat orphan, and this orphanhood can be felt. May Saint Joseph, help us understand how to resolve this sense of orphanhood that is so harmful to us today. To bring a child into the world is not enough to say that one is also their father or mother. "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person" (Apostolic Letter Patris corde). I think particularly of all those who are open to welcoming life by way of adoption, which is such a generous and beautiful, good attitude. Joseph shows us that this type of bond is not secondary; it is not second best. This kind of choice is among the highest forms of love, and of fatherhood and motherhood. How many children in the world are waiting for someone to take care of them! And how many married couples want to be fathers and mothers but are unable to do so for biological reasons; or, although they already have children, they want to share their family's affection with those who do not have it. We should not be afraid to choose the path of adoption, to take the "risk" of welcoming. And today, even with orphanhood, there is a certain selfishness. The other day, I spoke about the demographic winter that exists nowadays: people do not want to have children, or just one and no more. And many couples do not have children because they do not want to, or they have just one because they do not want any more, but they have two dogs, two cats.... Yes, dogs and cats take the place of children. Yes, it is funny, I understand, but it is the reality. And this denial of fatherhood or motherhood diminishes us, it takes away our humanity. And in this way civilization becomes more aged and without humanity, because it loses the richness of fatherhood and motherhood. And our homeland suffers as it does not have children, and, as someone said somewhat humorously, "and now that there are no children, who will pay the taxes for my pension? Who will take care of me?". He laughed, but it is the truth. I ask of Saint Joseph the grace to awaken consciences and to think about this: about having children. Fatherhood and motherhood are the fullness of the life of a person. Think about this. It is true, there is the spiritual fatherhood of those who consecrate themselves to God, and spiritual motherhood; but those who live in the world and get married, have to think about having children, of giving life, because they will be the ones to shut their eyes, who will think about the future. And also, if you cannot have children, think about adoption. It is a risk, yes: having a child is always a risk, either naturally or by adoption. But it is riskier not to have them. It is riskier to deny fatherhood or to deny motherhood, be it real or spiritual. A man or a woman who do not voluntarily develop a sense of fatherhood or motherhood are lacking something fundamental, something important. Think about this, please. Source: Dicastero per la Comunicazione - Libreria



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES FOR ST. CHARLES 2021-2022

## PLEASE FIND THE DATES AND TIMES FOR ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

DECEMBER 4- BAPTISMS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION AT 12 NOON

DECEMBER 17- CATECHIST APPRECIATION DAY STARTS AT 10AM (LOWER CHURCH)

DECEMBER 24— CHILDREN'S MASS OF THE NATIVITY PAGEANT AT (4PM UPPER CHURCH)

JANUARY 17— CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CATECHISTS BAPTISM (7PM LOWER CHURCH)

JANUARY 22- FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING (10AM -12 NOON IN THE URBAN CENTER 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR)

FEBRUARY 19— CONFIRMATION MEETING WITH PARENTS (10AM URBAN CENTER 2ND FLOOR)

MARCH 4- STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6PM UPPER CHURCH

MARCH 5— LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR FIRST COMMUNION/ CONFIRMATION (LC)

MARCH 11 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6PM UPPER CHURCH

MARCH 18- STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6PM UPPER CHURCH

MARCH 25- STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6PM UPPER CHURCH

APRIL 9- CONFESSIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 10 AM UPPER CHURCH

MAY 6— PRACTICUM FOR FIRST COMMUNION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (6 PM UPPER CHURCH)

MAY 7— RETREAT FOR FIRST COMMUNION (10AM – 2PM ST. MARGARETS SHRINE (DONATION)

MAY 14- HOLY FIRST COMMUNION (10AM ENGLISH- 1PM BRAZILIAN UPPER CHURCH).

## January 23, 2022

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